

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have demonstrated their unparalleled value as citizens in society throughout their long, productive lives; and

Whereas, Katherine Rice was born on September 4, 1900, into a family of twelve and found employment after high school as a cashier for a movie theater in Boise, Idaho, where she met her future husband, Leaton, who was working as a chemist after studying mining engineering at Oregon State University; and

Whereas, in 1920 Katherine married her beloved Leaton, after which the newlywed couple spent almost two years in gold mining camps in remote parts of Idaho which were marked by hardship, friendship, and tremendous scenic beauty; and

Whereas, after the birth of her two sons, James and Don, Katherine moved to Missouri where Leaton found employment at St. Joseph Lead Company and the family took up residence in Bonne Terre and then Herculaneum; and

Whereas, Katherine Rice volunteered for the Red Cross and a local hospital and helped to sell War Bonds during World War II while James served in China and Don fought in the South Pacific as soldiers in the United States Army; and

Whereas, a natural entertainer and an excellent cook, Katherine Rice played bridge and golf, took up ceramics, and welcomed four grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren into her extended family; and

Whereas, after the death of her husband in 1974, Katherine Rice remained independent in her own home until she reached the age of ninety and moved into assisted living quarters, first in south St. Louis County and then at Green Park Resident Center:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the One Hundred Third Birthday of Katherine Rice and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest best wishes for many more celebratory events in life yet to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Katherine Rice of Green Park, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative James W. Lembke
District No. 85

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4063, adopted September 16, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker